

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Advisory Council Annual Meeting

November 8, 2002

NewHolly Neighborhood Campus,
The Elder Village - Esperanza Club House
6940 37th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98118

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Present: Marc Avni, Martha Becker, Patrick Carroll, Gabriel Cohen, Cleo Corcoran, Timmie Faghin, Lee Gaylor, John Kennedy, Karen Sluiter, Larry Verhei, Suzanne B. Wiley, Lisa Yeager, Frederick H. Yee, Will Parry, Thelma Coney, Helen Spencer, and Linda Woodall.

Guests: Larry Low, Joanne Brekke, and Denise Klein.

Absent: Randal E. Hayhurst, Juanita Grant, Greg Stack, Steve Colwell, Ken Shulman, and Peter Steinbrueck.

Excused: John D. Holecek, and Mae Shields.

ADS STAFF: Pamela Piering, Rosemary Cunningham, Karen Winston, Linda Wells, Margaret Casey, Allison Ruff, and Ozell Bledsoe.

MINUTES

This year the Annual Meeting of the Advisory Council was held at NewHolly Neighborhood Campus. We were honored to have Denise Klein give us some background on NewHolly and to join us for a tour of the New Holly Elder Village. Ms. Klein is a prior Director of the Division on Aging (the former name of Aging and Disability Services) and has spoken to the Advisory Council in the past about senior housing issues. She resides in another part of the NewHolly campus.

Advisory Council members, ADS staff, and guests toured the NewHolly Elder Village from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. The group was guided on tours of **Park Place** by Lauren Ward, Marketing Director, **Esperanza Apartments** by Loretta Borowski, Marketing Director, and **Peter Claver House** by Shivani Kumar, Housing Director. **Park Place** is an Assisted-living senior community of 154 one-bedroom units sponsored by Retirement Housing Foundation. Residents receive a continuum of care in a residential setting. Seniors 62 years and older are served. Park Place accepts private funds, Section-8 and Medicaid (COPES) payments. **Esperanza Apartments** is a senior housing complex of 84 one-bedroom units sponsored by Retirement Housing Foundation. Residents must be 62 years of age. Some units are available for disabled persons who are a minimum of 55 years of age. They accept Section-8 Vouchers. This community is reserved for residents who earn less than 60 percent of the area median gross income. **Peter Claver House** is a senior housing complex of 80 one-bedroom units sponsored by Providence Health

Systems. It has on-site amenities such as raised-bed gardens, patio, community room, lounge, computer lab, and self-service laundry room and social activities including outings. Residents contract with individual service agencies for individual needs such as Meals on Wheels, Chore Service or Providence Elder Place. Peter Claver House serves seniors 62 years and older who earn less than 50% of the area median gross income.

Annual Business Meeting

Karen Sluiter, Chair, convened the annual business meeting of the Advisory Council at 1:05 p.m. at the Esperanza Club House. Introductions were made and thank you's were expressed for the tour of NewHolly Elder Village.

The minutes of the October 11, 2002 Advisory Council meeting were approved with correction to title of Secretary-Treasurer for nominee John Kennedy.

Director's Report:

Pamela Piering, Director, provided updates about the Universal Design forum that ADS co-sponsored with the American Institute of Architects-Seattle Continuing Education Committee. The forum panel included members of the Advisory Council Housing Task Force, including Susan Duncan, Dr. Sandra Hartje, and Advisory Council member Greg Stack and targeted an audience of architects and housing developers and other interested persons. Sharon Lee of the Low-Income Housing Institute provided the developer's perspective on integrating Universal Design into multi-family housing. City Council President and Advisory Council member Peter Steinbrueck provided the introduction.

Director Piering also reported on the *Substance Abuse Among Older Adults: Prevention & Treatment Approaches* workshop. The event was sponsored by the Healthy Aging Partnership. The workshop provided information regarding the problem of substance abuse and misuse among older adults and its impact on individuals, families, the health care system and society. The workshop also featured Frederic Blow, PhD, Associate Professor and Senior Research Scientist at the University of Michigan, who provided useful step-by-step instructions about brief interventions targeted to older adults.

Will Parry expressed the need for an increase in Mental Health services for Older Adults.

Director Piering discussed the tentative Home Care Quality Authority (HCQA) and SEIU Local 6 agreement with Home Care Workers.

Outreach and Advocacy Committee:

Cleo Corcoran reported that the Outreach and Advocacy Committee will be meeting on November 14th at noon. The Committee will be joined by Margaret Lee Thompson from the ARC of King County to discuss effective advocacy strategies. Council members were invited to also attend the 2002 Legislative Forum planning group meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m. on November 14th.

Health Care Task Force:

Martha Becker reported on the Health Care Task Force meeting that was held on November 5th. The invited guest speaker, Charles Reed, Chair of the Washington Home Care Quality Authority, was unable to attend the meeting. Instead, the HCTF discussed the role of ADS Case Managers and how services are funded. Martha announced that the December HCTF meeting is canceled and members are encouraged to attend the 2002 Legislative Forum that will be held December 10th at NewHolly Gathering Hall from 8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Other:

John Kennedy gave a brief report on the all-day conference sponsored by Washington State Senior Citizens' Foundation entitled *Critical Issues for an Aging Society* that was held on October 24th. The keynote speaker was Christopher W. Hansen, Director of Advocacy for AARP. He pointed out that the number of seniors is on the rise as Baby Boomers approach retirement age. Governor Gary Locke and Senator Patty Murray reported on legislation, state budget and prescription drug issues. Sharon Estee, Ph.D. Research Specialist with DSHS, presented interesting demographic information about population growth in Washington. After lunch, four workshops: "The State Of Kinship Care", "Retirement Insecurity", "Civil Rights Advocacy On Behalf Of Older Adults", and "The Home Care Quality Authority" were offered for participants to learn more about issues regarding seniors. Several Advisory Council members and ADS staff participated in the days' events.

Elections:

One of the responsibilities of the Advisory Council at the annual Council meeting is to elect new officers for the new Council year. **Chair Karen Sluiter** reviewed the duties of each of the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, and Officer at Large as set forth in the Bylaws.

The slate of officer candidates was again presented to the Council as follows:

Chair—Suzanne Wiley

Vice Chair—Will Parry

Secretary-Treasurer—John Kennedy

Officer At Large—Timmie Faghan

Thereupon vote was taken of the Council and it was moved, seconded and passed that the full slate of officers as above-described be elected for the year 2003.

Nominations were taken for the Nominating Committee. Two Council members representing each Sponsor were nominated with one Council member from each Sponsor to be elected. Written ballots were completed by all Council members present and the votes were tallied.

The new Nominating Committee for 2003 as elected by the Council is:

City: Cleo Corcoran

King County: Larry Verhei

United Way: Martha Becker

Helen Spencer expressed words of appreciation to Karen Sluiter for her leadership and guidance as Chair through the 2002 Council year, which words were echoed by other Council members. The formal recognition and change of order will take place at the December Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 2:00 p.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is the final Advisory Council meeting for 2002. Please join us for Recognitions, Change of Order, and Holiday Party:

Day/date: **Friday, December 13, 2002**

Time: **Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

Place: **13th Floor Conference Room, Alaska Building**

Suzanne Wiley, Secretary-Treasurer_____